

**A METHOD FOR DELAYING AND EXECUTING  
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS IN UNATTENDED MODE**

**Abstract**

A method allowing a user interfacing a computer with a  
5 console, to delay the execution of system administration  
operations and to have them executed in unattended mode on said  
computer. The method comprises the first step of seizing  
identification of the user at the console and checking  
authorization. If user authorized the method comprises the step  
10 of seizing at the console and storing in a working storage area  
the characteristics of the system currently active on the  
computer, parameters describing the administration operations to  
be performed on the computer, the type of system restart to be  
performed after administration operations in unattended mode the  
15 delay to be waited for before starting said administration  
operations. Then, the method requires to the operating system of  
the computer to start delay. When delay is expired, the method  
initializes the computer peripherals according to the parameters  
describing the administration operations stored in the working  
20 storage area and sets the operating system in a sleeping state.  
Then, the administration operations are performed according to  
the administration operations parameters stored in the working  
storage. Finally, the characteristics of the system which was  
active on the computer and the type of system restart are  
25 retrieved from the working storage and the system is restarted  
according to the retrieved information.